

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Zero

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Stated

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Japan

Language: Japanese

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 06 April 2005

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 402088

Unexcised version of publication: Not Applicable

	Components	Running time
Menu:		
Feature:		
Other timed components:		
Total running time:		

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file entitled *Zero* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication promotes and supports the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.

The publication is a computer image file which depicts a young woman being raped by two men. Because of the drawings' focus on the woman's genitals and breasts during the rape, a reasonable interpretation is that the images are designed to sexually arouse the reader. For those with a sexual interest in sexual violence, the publication serves to legitimise and encourage that interest.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.